

Sherpa language

Sherpa (also *Sharpa*, *Xiaerba*, *Sherwa*) is a Sino-Tibetan language spoken in Nepal and the Indian state of Sikkim, mainly by the Sherpa. About 200,000 speakers live in Nepal (2001 census), some 20,000 in Sikkim (1997), and some 800 in Tibetan Autonomous Region (1994).

Days of the week in Sherpa	
English	Sherpa
Sunday	ŋi`ma (/ ŋ / is the sound Ng')
Monday	Dawa
Tuesday	Mirjma
Wednesday	Lakpa
Thursday	Phurba
Friday	Pasarj
Saturday	Pemba

The above days of the week are derived from the Tibetan language ("Pur-gae").

Sherpa is a SOV language, written using either the Devanagari or Sambotas script.

Phonology

Sherpa has the following consonants:[1] (https://s3.amazonaws.com/academia.edu.documents/30320141/nep_ling_23.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAIWOWYYGZ2Y53UL3A&Expires=1526789154&Signature=X%2Bpcy0EpiWZZeEVW7Q2p6CCMqzo%3D&response-content-disposition=inline%3B%20filename%3DCase_system_in_Koyee.pdf#page=377)

Sherpa	
शेर्पा तम्छे <i>śērṡī tam r̥hē</i> , ཤར་པའི་སྐད་ཡིག་ <i>shar pa'i skad yig</i>	
Native to	Nepal, Sikkim, Tibet
Ethnicity	Sherpa
Native speakers	170,000 (2001 & 2011 census) ^[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan - Bodic - Tibetic - Southern Tibetic Sherpa
Writing system	Tibetan, Devanagari
Official status	
Official language in	 Nepal India (Sikkim)
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	xsr
Glottolog	sher1255 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sher1255) ^[2]



Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in Stockholm in November of 1967

Consonants

		Bilabial		Dental		Alveolar		Retroflex		Postalveolar		Palatal	Velar		Glottal
		plain	aspirated	plain	aspirated	plain	aspirated	plain	aspirated	plain	aspirated		plain	aspirated	
Stop	voiceless	p	p ^h	t̪	t̪ ^h			t	t ^h				k	k ^h	
	voiced	b		d̪				d					g		
Fricative						s				ʃ					h
Affricate	voiceless					t̪s	t̪s ^h			t̪ʃ	t̪ʃ ^h				
	voiced					d̪z				d̪ʒ					
Nasal		m		n									ŋ		
Approximant		w				l	l ^h					j			
Trill						r	r ^h								

Some grammatical aspects of Sherpa are as follows:

- Nouns are defined by morphology when a bare noun occurs in the genitive and this extends to the noun phrase. Defined by syntactic co-occurrence with the locative clitic, comes first in the noun phrase after demonstratives.
- Demonstratives are defined syntactically by first position in the NP directly before the noun.
- Quantifiers: Number words occur last in the noun phrase with the exception of the definite article.
- Adjectives occur after the noun in the NP and morphologically only take genitive marking when in construct with a noun.
- Verbs may morphologically be distinguished by differing or suppletive roots for the perfective, imperfective, and imperative. They occur last in a clause before the verbal auxiliaries.
- Verbal Auxiliaries occur last in a clause.
- Postpositions occur last in a postpositional NP.
- Sherpa is a tone language ^[3]

Other typological features: 1. Split Ergativity based on Aspect 2. SO & OV (SOV) 3. N-A 4. N-Num 5. V-Aux 6. N-Pos

References

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External links

- Himali Sherpa:sherpa Culture dictionary (<http://www.himalisherpa.com>)
- Sherpa-English and English-Sherpa Dictionary (<https://languages.nepalresearch.org/sh-eng.pdf>) available online
- Sherpa dictionary (http://lacito.vjf.cnrs.fr/vient-de-paraitre/tournadre_dicosherpa.htm) Print edition

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